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H. RES. 469

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Iraqi National Assembly should cancel or postpone its planned two-month recess scheduled to begin in July 2007 and work toward meeting political, social, and military benchmarks.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Iraqi National Assembly should cancel or postpone its planned two-month recess scheduled to begin in July 2007 and work toward meeting political, social, and military benchmarks.

Whereas the Iraqi National Assembly plans to take its regular summer break, a two-month recess scheduled to begin in July 2007;

Whereas such an extended break demonstrates a lack of will and urgency to reach reconciliation among rival factions by the Iraqi National Assembly;

Whereas the United States Congress and President George W. Bush have set out 18 benchmarks for the Iraqi Government;

Whereas United States aid and military support could be conditioned on the Iraqi Government meeting these benchmarks;

Whereas many of these benchmarks call for the Iraqi National Assembly to enact and implement legislation to carry out “de-Baathification” measures; to ensure the equitable distribution of hydrocarbon resources of the people of Iraq without regard to the sect or ethnicity of recipients; to ensure that the energy resources of Iraq benefit Sunni Arabs, Shia Arabs, Kurds, and other Iraqi citizens in an equitable manner; to establish an Independent High Electoral Commission, provincial elections law, provincial council authorities, and a date for provincial elections; and to establish a strong militia disarmament program to ensure that the security forces of Iraq are accountable only to the central government and loyal to the Constitution of Iraq;

Whereas United States Armed Forces continue to fight and give their lives to stabilize Iraq; and

Whereas every member of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq deserves the utmost respect and support from Congress: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives that the Iraqi National Assembly should can-
- 3 cel or postpone its planned two-month recess scheduled to

- 1 begin in July 2007 and work toward meeting political, so-
- 2 cial, and military benchmarks.

